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State of emergency declared

Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter declared a state of emergency yesterday as officials nearly doubled a wildfire's estimated size to more than 28 square kilometres.

Strike season begins in Europe

Workers hit the streets in England and France (pages 10, 11)

911 responders admit mistakes

Protocol not followed in Paxton case, they say {page 3}

Teen, girl arranged meeting via web: Cops

◆ Alleged assailant released to parents ◆ Suspect faces charges of sexual assault and sexual interference



Details revealed by police yesterday in a sexual assault case showed that a teenage boy and young girl had previously chatted online and arranged their meeting.

Around 5 p.m. Monday, police were called to Clarence Sansom School in Pineridge, where they learned a 16-year-old boy had allegedly assaulted a 12-year-old girl

"They agreed to meet at the park," said Staff Sgt. Leah Barber. "This wasn't a random attack by a group of kids." Barber said there were eight other

Barber said there were eight other teens between the ages of 12 and 16 who witnessed the incident.

"While the group was sitting in the bleachers, the girl and boy became involved in a sexual act," she said, adding police believe parties involved had been

Investigation

- Only one 911 call was made from witnesses in the school, who captured some of the incident on video and turned it over to police.
- Police have yet to analyze the online conversations.

drinking alcohol.

Police have yet to interview the victim. However, Barber said because the girl is 12 and the suspect is more than two years her senior, the act cannot be considered consensual.

Charges are pending against the 16-year-old, though Barber said there is a possibility that no charges will be laid.

Barber said there is no evidence the eight others involved encouraged the alleged assault, or possessed any photos or video of the act.

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Black bins on way to curbsides

Calgarians will soon change the way they throw out their trash, as the city announced yesterday that black bins are on the way.

Following a nearly twoyear pilot project involving six Calgary communities and 15,000 homes, the city will begin to roll out the black bins this fall.

"The pilot has been tremendously successful," said Paula Magdich, project manager for the black bin program

The bins will be distributed around Calgary at a rate of 20,000 per week, beginning in the southeast on Oct. 4.

Delivery to the northeast will begin in November, followed by distribution to the northwest in April and the southwest in June. Magdich said by June 30, 2011, the whole city will be equipped.

"Everything is so much

cleaner ... There's a lot less flying around," said Deer Run resident Sue Mitchell, who has had her bin since the pilot launched.

While the city will pay an up-front cost of around \$14 million, Magdich said they will save about \$1 million per year, as the current fleet of 60 two-operator garbage trucks will be reduced to one operator per vehicle.

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Errors admitted in handling of 911 call

 Paxton is alleged to have assaulted a Calgary man, dropped him off at a Regina hospital
 He has been ordered to a 30-day psychiatric assessment

Emergency responders are admitting they did not follow protocol in the case of a 911 call regarding alleged torturer Dustin Paxton.

On Feb. 28 a man placed a call to Calgary's emergency call centre, but the emergency communications officer did not dispatch police.

"The call was made by a male who alleged that a Dustin Paxton had made threats against him and his property," said Public Safety Communications manager Steve Dongworth. "The emergency communications officer who evaluated the call determined that there was no immediate risk to the caller."

Dongworth said the communications officer did not ask additional or clarifying questions to the

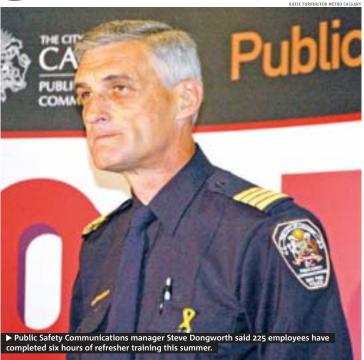
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- Following a review in June, Public Safety Communications said it is improving protocols.
- In 2009, the PSC centre processed nearly 900,000 calls.

caller.

"Based on what we know now, absolutely a police officer should have been sent," said acting Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux. "I think it's important when the public reaches out to the police that they are able to get in contact with the police."

Daroux said he is satisfied that Public Safety Communications responded immediately when the call was brought to their attention. • KATIE TURNER





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Bird deaths far outpace official numbers: Report

• Government acknowledges there is room for improvement

A new study says birds are likely dying in oil sands tailings ponds at about 30 times the rate suggested by industry and government.

The results add weight to arguments that depending on industry to monitor its own environmental impacts isn't working, said study author Kevin Timoney, an ecologist whose paper was published yesterday in the Wilson Journal of Ornithology.

Bird deaths are currently tracked through industry employees reporting found carcasses. The eightyear annual average of such reports, from 2000 to

2007, is 65.

"It's basically ad hoc," said Timoney, who decided to take a different approach for the tailings ponds of Suncor, Syncrude and Shell.

He started with counts of dead birds taken from formal shoreline surveys of tailings ponds done in the 1980s to get an idea of deaths per square kilometre. Those surveys remain relevant because methods of deterring bird landing haven't changed much since then, Timoney said.

The surveys were combined with studies looking at how many birds out of

"I would not argue at all with the study with respect to the fact that there could be better work done on monitoring."

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the total number that flew over actually landed and were "oiled" on the tailings ponds.

Timoney then factored in reports of bird deaths obtained from the Alberta government through freedom-of-information legislation.

Using averages for the mortality rate of oiled birds, and adjusting for the increased size of tailings ponds over the last two decades, Timoney came up with what he says is a more reasonable estimate for bird deaths in the 120 square kilometres of ponds he studied.

The 14-year median, including raptors, songbirds, shorebirds and gulls, is 1,973 deaths every year. That's more birds than died in the April 2008 incident that saw Syncrude convicted of charges under the Wildlife Act earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mustard Seed asking for donations

With food supplies running low, the Mustard Seed is asking Calgarians to step forward with donations.

Spokesperson Courtney Fliss said the organization is in desperate need of donations of canned and dried goods.

"We're running extremely low," she said. "The shelves are practically empty right now."

Fliss said they give out about 100 hampers every month.

"Without the support of our community we really can't help our guests."

Donations can be made at one of the two Mustard Seed sites, located at 102 11th Avenue SE and 7025 44 Street SE. © KATIE TURNER

Weekend brings 4,000 tickets

Between Sept. 3 and Sept. 6 RCMP traffic Services and Alberta Traffic Sheriffs handed out almost 4,000 tickets to Alberta drivers.

Among the infractions, 64 of those were for impaired driving and over 3,000 in speeding tickets.

According to Alberta Transportation, approximately 10 people have died on the Labour Day weekend each year from 2004 to 2008.

In a bid to improve safety on provincial roadways, RCMP and sheriffs are, during September, trying to 3,951^{The}
number of
unsafe drivers who
were handed tickets
on Alberta roads over
the long weekend,
almost 3,000 of those
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spread the concept of sharing the roadways. With back to school season underway emphasis is put on sharing between children, pedestrians and drivers to ensure that everyone equally follows traffic safety rules.

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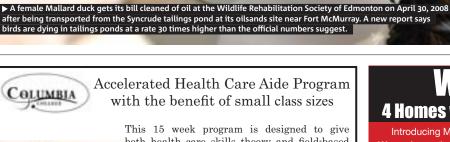
Holiday ends in tragedy

The last long weekend of the summer ended in tragedy with the death of a child who was discovered unconscious at a southern Alberta water park. Police in Lethbridge say lifeguards found the child in the water Monday evening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tiger cub clings to life at zoo

Calgary Zoo animal care staff are working to save a tiger cub born Monday evening to 10-year-old Siberian Tiger Katja, who officials didn't know was pregnant. One cub was born dead and the other was found by zookeepers.

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▶ Premier Ed Stelmach will meet with U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi today.

Premier, Pelosi to talk oil

● Environment on the menu for premier's dinner ● Stelmach said he will continue to educate U.S. politicians about Alberta's oilsands



Environmental concerns surrounding Alberta's oilsands will be at the top of the conversation topic list when Premier Ed Stelmach meets face-to-face for the first time with U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi today.

"Our goal there is to ap-

peal to her sense of reason, to communicate very clearly that we are continuing to focus on environmental improvement in developing the oilsands," Stelmach said.

The premier said he will also be talking to Pelosi about job opportunities in the oilsands as well as energy security and tax revenue generated by the oilsands.

POLITICS

Watch the cash, says Higgins

Barb Higgins laid out her plan to reform city hall at an Olympic Plaza rally yesterday.

"We have to sort out how we are spending our money, " she said.

Introduced by former Breakfast Television host Dave Kelly and singer Jann Arden, Higgins offered blue cotton candy to spectators while she outlined what she has planned should she become mayor of Calgary. Aside from city hall reform, Higgins said she wanted to change public transit and reduce wait times for construction permits.

"I think it's obvious what Calgary needs right now," Higgins said.

She added she would use her critical journalistic eye to keep city auditors in check.

MONIQUE MASSIAH

Stewart unveils his five-point platform

With election day creeping closer, mayoral candidate Wayne Stewart released his five-point platform yesterday.

Stewart cited transparent governance as one of his top priorities, stating in a release that city council needs to earn back the trust of Calgarians.

"Candidates in this race have to tell the voters what they are doing," said Stewart. "What we need is substance over style."

Along with prioritizing leadership, Stewart said he would focus on making 40 The number of days until the municipal election, which is on Oct. 18. Currently, Calgarians have 17 mayoral candidates to choose from.

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Stewart also touched on transit, stating his hopes of LRT expansion to the airport and the southeast, as well as bus rapid transit to Mount Royal University.

"What we need is someone who has the proven track record to deliver results by transforming vision to reality, and by building workable coalitions," said Stewart.

"That person is me."

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News in brief

Alleged flasher in court

CRIME. A Calgary man accused of exposing himself to women in the city's southwest from June to August has been charged with 10 counts of indecent exposure. Kevin Earl Monaghan,

45, of Calgary is scheduled to appear in court today.

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Woman faces assault rap

ALTERCATION. An apparent altercation with police after they were called to an Airdrie lounge has led to assault charges for 26-year-old Vanessa Sarah Oakley-Mack of Airdrie.

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Career centre opens up



Most first days of school are stressful for any student, but for Andrew Toms it's a little unnerving.

On the first day of class-es yesterday, media were given a glimpse of the Calgary Board of Education's new Career and Technology Centre's pre-engineering program.

Toms, a pre-engineering student hoping to become a special effects artist, travels four days a week for his afternoon class.

"I need to know a lot of engineering skills to create safe rigs for special effects," said Toms, who plans to continue on to university after completing high school.

Now on Phase 1 of the transformation of the former Lord Shaughnessey School, pre-engineering instructor Kristen Byrnes says the course is "an introduction so they can get a taste and see what other types of engineering there

The centre provides preplacement trades programs in conjunction with most post-secondary programs.

"You can do pretty much anything with an engineering degree," said.

Students proceed in post-secondary-like courses with guidance from councillors to create individualized plans geared towards graduation.

Previously geared toward adult upgrading and the achievement of a high school diploma, Lord Shaughnessey High School is also home to many integrated programs with Central Memorial High School, Chinook Learning Centre and Juno Beach Academy.

The centre aims to help student's transition smoothly into high-demand trade occupations by providing providing personalized courses and flexible class time.

Equipment

- Most of the equipment found at the centre like the automation machinery, the Festo MPS (modular production system) were donated to the CBE by World Skills.
- The MPS will be programmed by students in order to automate operations that humans would normally complete.
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News in brief



Stolen artifacts back at home

IRAQ. Hundreds of Iraqi artifacts looted from museums and archaeological sites across the country have been returned to Iraq.

More than 500 pieces were on display at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, including a 4,400-year-old statue of a Sumerian king discovered in the 1920s at the ancient city of Ur, in southern Iraq.

The headless statue was stolen from the Iraqi National Museum during the looting and chaos that followed the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volcano covers area in ash

eruption. An Indonesian volcano shot a towering cloud of black ash high into the air yesterday, dusting villages 25 kilometres away in its most powerful eruption since awakening last week from four centuries of dormancy.

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RCMP to clean up Craigslist

SEX CRIMES. The RCMP says it's working with Craigslist to try to stop erotic ads that many fear are a functioning as cover for prostitution from being posted on the company's website in Canada.

Craigslist shut down its adult services section in the United States on Saturday and replaced it with a black bar that simply says "censored."

But as of yesterday the Canadian site still had an "erotic" link listed under services.THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

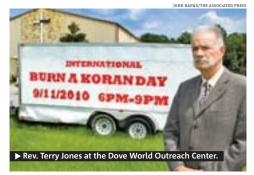
Reverend: Qur'an burning still a go

Jones says Constitution gives him right to burn book
 State Dept. urges Americans to condemn Jones' plan

The government turned up the pressure yesterday on the head of a small Florida church who plans to burn copies of the Qur'an on Sept. 11, warning him that doing so could endanger U.S. troops and Americans everywhere.

But the Rev. Terry Jones insisted he would go ahead with his plans, despite criticism from the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, the White House and the State Department, as well as a host of religious leaders.

Gen. David Petraeus warned yesterday in an email to The Associated Press that "images of the burning of a Qur'an would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan — and around the world — to inflame public opinion and



incite violence." It was a rare example of a military commander taking a position on a domestic political matter.

Jones responded that he is also concerned but refused to cancel the protest set for Saturday at his Dove

World Outreach Center, a church that espouses an anti-Islam philosophy.

The Vatican newspaper yesterday published an article in which Catholic bishops criticized Jones' plan.

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Terry Jones file

Jones gained some local notoriety last year when he posted signs in front of his small church declaring "Islam is of the Devil."

- Bad timing Jones' Qur'anburning scheme, which he announced in July, attracted wider attention just as an emotional debate was taking shape over the proposed Islamic centre near the ground zero site in New York.
- "Evil" book The Qur'an, according to Jones, is "evil" because it espouses something other than biblical truth and incites radical, violent behaviour among Muslims.
- No denomination Jones'
 Dove Outreach Center is independent of any denomination. The church follows
 the Pentecostal tradition.



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▶ Hundreds of passengers crowd the deck of Motor Vessel Sun Sea after spotting the arrival of HMCS Winnipeg off the coast of British Columbia last month. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews yesterday announced a campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking.

New ads to take aim at human trafficking

Blue Blindfold campaign will help fight 'disturbing' crime Follows arrival of Tamil refugees in August

The federal government is teaming up with the Mounties and Crime Stoppers to raise awareness about human trafficking.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says Crime Stoppers will join his de-partment and the RCMP to tell people about human trafficking and how to report suspicious activi-

Toews, speaking at a news conference in Winnipeg, said the campaign will help Canadians fight a "disturbing" crime. He said victims of hu-

man trafficking are often coerced into working for the criminals who bring them into the country.

"Victims are forced, often through violence and threats, to provide their services or labour because of their fear of their safety or that of someone else, he said.

"The majority are forced to work in the sex industry and are led to a life of exploitation, de-prived of basic human rights. Most are women and children and their cases often go unnoticed and unreported due to threats from offenders, language barriers or mistrust of authorities.'

By exposing the reality of this terrible crime to the light of day, Canadians can better recognize and

RCMP initiative

- The RCMP Human Trafficking National Co-ordination Centre will also run its own "I'm Not for Sale" awareness campaign.
- The Mounties have put together a human trafficking information kit for police, governments, non-governmental organizations and the public.

report evidence of criminal activity." Sgt. Marie-Claude Arse-

nault of the RCMP co-ordination centre said it's important to enlist the help of the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EUTHANASIA

Quebec's **hearings** underway

One side compared euthanasia to murder. The other laid out a series of proposed ground rules for doing it more humanely.

Quebec's public hearings into dying with dignity began yesterday with a demonstration of the deeply held

opinions in the debate.

The commission chief quickly conceded that a consensus is unlikely to emerge following several months of hearings. "There's already a great divergence of opinion and as we go forward that won't get any clear-er," said Geoff Kelley, a provincial Liberal legislator, during a break in proceedings. Euthanasia and assist-

ed suicide are illegal in Canada and, barring a dramatic change in Ottawa, these hearings won't change that. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Registry gaining support

A new poll suggests public opinion was shifting in favour of the long-gun reg-istry, even before the RCMP issued its favourable evaluation last month.

The late August poll by The Canadian Press Harris-Decima indicates that 48 per cent of respondents thought it would be a bad idea to get rid of the registry, up from 42 per cent in April.

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Strikes shut down transit

• Action in France and Britain a precursor to discontent elsewhere

Strikes hobbled public transit across France and in London yesterday, forcing tourists and commuters to alter their plans as they bore the brunt of a wave of discontent over government cost-cutting measures — a wave expected to soon prompt walkouts elsewhere on the continent.

French unions staged a nationwide walkout over plans to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62, cutting service on trains, planes, buses and subways.

planes, buses and subways.
London Underground
workers unhappy about
job cuts closed much of the
city's subway system — the
first in a series of 24-hour
strikes planned for the fall.

The strikes came as European Union finance ministers met in Brussels amid worries the government debt crises that alarmed

markets worldwide earlier this year could flare up again. The ministers discussed introducing a levy on banks and whether a tax on financial transactions can deal with another banking crisis.

In France, some post offices shut down, schools were hamstrung and public hospitals were hit with a nearly 18 per cent staff cut for the day. The strike also blocked the Atlantic coast port at Saint-Nazaire, including vessels that feed into the nearby Total refinery.

Unions hope to mobilize a total of two million street protesters at more than 200 demonstrations across France, at a time when French President Nicolas Sarkozy's approval ratings hover in the mid-30 per cent range.

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Interest rate rise expected

○ But some economists question wisdom of raising rates

Interest rates are expected to rise for the third time in as many months today.

A consensus of economists believe Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney will overlook recent disappointing economic data and hike the trendsetting rate a quarter point to one per cent. But many econo-

mists question how much further Carney can go in his current tightening phase considering that the U.S. is heading in the opposite direction. And some blame the

And some blame the sharp slowdown during the spring and summer on the anticipation of higher interest rates. THE CANADIAN PRESS



U.S. takes an interest

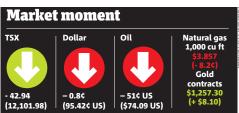
The controversy over a proposed conservative Canadian TV network is making news south of the border. The Hollywood Reporter has carried two stories in the past week detailing Quebecor's bid to launch Sun TV News, a 24-hour right-wing all-news network.

1 in 5 firms plan to hire: Survey

Miners in Western and Atlantic Canada could be some of Canada's most desirable job candidates in the coming quarter, according to a survey of employer intentions by a global staffing firm. The survey released yesterday by Manpower Economists
Ohave warned
that Canada's
unemployment rate
could remain around
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Canada found 21 per cent of more than 1,900 Canadian employers expect to increase their payrolls in the fourth quarter of 2010, but seven per cent anticipate cutbacks.

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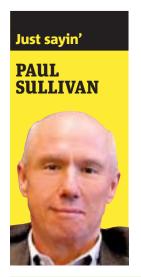
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According to biologists, I'm a mammal, a warm-blooded creature with fur.

ccording to some wags, I'm also a MAMIL, or middleaged man in Lycra, one of a species seen waddling out from our dens on weekends and mounting expensive road bikes in a picturesque attempt to capture some of the reflected glory that goes with the Tour de France and other sexy, manly European road races.

I'm not sure who coined the term, but it refers to men of a certain age, who, freaking out at the loss of youth, don't buy a red Porsche Boxster, opting instead for a red Pinarello or Specialized S-Works road bike. Even though

it can set them back up to \$10,000, it's cheaper than the chariot, saves on CO2 and helps them stay fit. With all the money they save, they can outfit

themselves in the bike gear of their favourite Tour De France hero, like Alberto Contador or old Ironsides, Lance Armstrong.

Armstrong.
MAMILs also exhibit some interesting behaviour. For example, they shave their legs.

They think it makes them more aerodynamic. Long-suffering spouses refrain from pointing out the obvious: That if their significant MAMIL would only lay off the carbs and drop 20 pounds, it would be a damn sight easier to get up the hill.

MAMILs travel in packs, often with MAFILs, (middle-aged females in Lycra, natch), who are given equal status in the herd, at least until the testosterone starts

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to run and the boys can't help racing even though they know they won't be able to walk, never mind do chores, rendering them useless for the rest of the weekend, sowing discord in the den.

MAMILs also

love hills, and grunt up mountains at the slightest provocation. Not everyone has the cash, time or guts to climb the Col du Tourmalet, a daunting feature of the Tour De France, but here in Vancouver, MAMILs think nothing of riding up Cypress Bowl and Mount Seymour on the same day, a combined climb of almost 30 kilometres, straight up

most 30 kilometres, straight up. This Saturday morning will be a great opportunity to catch 4,000 of us in the RBC GranFondo Whistler, a breathtaking 120-kilometre ride along the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler from downtown Vancouver. The GranFondo (which means "big ride" in sexy Italian, the lingua franca of MAMILs) has a net elevation gain of 650 metres, which is perfect for grunting up, and the first of its kind in Canada.

It sold out months ago, so next year's GranFondo promises to be even bigger. And it's just the start. The GranFondo Lycra will stretch from coast to coast. Organizers are planning to launch events in major MAMIL habitats, wherever there are large concentrations of mid-life crisis.

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More buzz about bees

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Worth mentioning

Scientists have been buzzing for years about the dwindling number of bees and linking that to less pollination, but a new Canadian study suggests the decline could also be blamed on climate change.

James Thomson, a scientist with the University of Toronto, has spent 17 years studying the wild lily from his log cabin in a remote plot of land in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. He has discovered the flowers have been blooming earlier.

He has called the discovery a "climatedriven" mismatch between when flowers



bloom and when bees emerge from hibernation.

Thomson said he studied the flowers on a piece of "pristine" land that is free from pesticides, agriculture and human disturbances, but still subject to climate change.

Thomson said while others have speculated on climate's effect on pollination, he is the first to produce "long-term evidence of a downward trend."

For several years researchers have worried about the fate of bee populations, and warned about the consequences of declining pollinators, saying the world's plants rely on pollinators for fertilization and reproduction.

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Discover a cross between photography, videography and human social responsibility with Nancy Nibett at the Eau Claire Market

Nibett's politically conscious art installations talk about the squashed story of critiques against the North American car industry. Nibett's Contours In The Crosshairs forces the

subject to revisit the human effect on global climate change.

The show can be found on the main floor of the Eau Claire Market, A03, Barclay Parade SW.

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Didn't we see that one already?

● Hollywood loves a good formula ● The fall movie season is rife with tried-and-true plot setups that might just give you a case of deja vu



Coming up

Beginning of the end for Harry Potter

Nov. 19 will see the release of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, the first of the franchise's two-part finale. Last year we spoke with director David Yates about the process of shooting the final three films back to back. Poor guy was trying to be stoic about it: "You can't look at the top of the mountain. It's such a long way. You just look at it like, 'I'm going to get it over there today.' The two things you mustn't think about are the response to them and [not looking] too far





UPCOMING RELEASE



► SEPT. 17

The Town — A second directorial effort from Ben Affleck finds him in front of the camera showing off his greatest strength — a Boston accent. He plays a thief trying to go straight, but who inevitably becomes torn between his loyalties and his love for a new hot thing.



LOOKS LIKE

▶ This latest installment is starting to build a case for a "Boston crime movies" genre, which would already include Affleck's first film, Gone Baby Gone, Mystic River and recent classic The Departed. We'll pay anything to hear those Southie accents utter "Did you kill my dawtah?" and "That was nawt wicked smaht."



Let Me In – Chloe Moretz stars as a troubled child in this American version of the Swedish film Let the Right One In. Critics seemed to have liked the original enough that doing a remake wasn't really necessary, but you know how we Americans feel about subti-



Aside from the obvious association with the source material, the murderous child theme is not only something that makes an appearance every year (like

last year's The Orphan), but this season alone sports at least two others, including Case 39, starring Renee Zellweger, and The Last Exorcism.



► OCT. 8

Secretariat — Secretariat is a biopic about housewife Penny Chenery (Diane Lane) who takes over the management of her ailing father's stables, only to have one of its horses win the Triple Crown. Really? Another horse movie? Did anyone even watch Seabiscuit? It was a bad idea the first time, folks.



Obviously Seabiscuit, but also when you really think about it, there are a ton of horse movies out there: Black Beauty, The Black Stallion, National Velvet, Flicka. And here we were thinking these films are only made for longhaired 10 year-old girls.



OCT. 15

Red — A rogue team of ex-CIA agents now marked as the agency's top targets reunite the team to show the U.S. government what's up. Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman make up the team and — surprise! — the source material is a comic book.



It's kind of The Bucket List crossed with The Expendables or The Losers if Dame Helen had bigger pectorals or if Malkovich looked a little more like Terry Crews. Assembling such a top-notch list of actors for a caper like this reeks of hopes for another box-office payday like Oceans 11.



► OCT. 22

The Company Men — Tommy Lee Jones, Ben Affleck (again) and Chris Cooper star in what might be a too-close-to-reality-to-be-enjoyable dramedy about corporate men dealing with layoffs. Sorry, but those who can identify with this one are too broke to buy the ticket.



Last year's loudly touted "movie of our times," partially about unemployment, called Up In The Air — seen it? Yeah, that was last year. Clooney may've been enough to draw the crowds in 2009, but we're betting a few sour-looking acting heavyweights and Affleck won't add up to much attention for this mish-mosh of sap-sap.



► NOV. 20

Burlesque — Christina Aguilera makes her acting debut as a waitress who travels to Hollywood to fulfill her dreams of being a burlesque dancer. Cher also stars as her sassy club-owning mentor, Tess. Too soon! We're still trying to get the scary image of Xtina in the Lady Marma-lade video out of our heads.



► This could be a lovely cross-section between Britney Spears' Crossroads, Showgirls and Gitter. Our prediction? Beautiful disaster. At least they skip the virginity issue in this one. Why are you in this movie, Stanley Tucci?



2010 is gearing up to be one of the best years for documentaries — ever! **○** Two movie experts weigh in on what's in store for the next few months **○** What films are already being labeled as Academy Awards contenders

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his summer, the editor-in-chief of Fandango.com, Chuck Walton, decided to watch 100 films in 100 days. And although he might be approaching movie fatigue at this point, he was able to talk with us about what documentaries will soon be big. "Documentaries have changed," he says about the genre. "It's not the same old 'I'm going to educate you about something' kind of film, but rather it's a great style of storytelling."

The Tillman Story "I saw Restrepo over the

"Getting nominated makes a huge, huge difference in the careers of the filmmakers. If you look at this year's top docs, the vast majority are directed by previously nominated filmmakers."

SCOTT FEINBERG

summer and really loved it," Walton says regarding the film chronicling the year journalist Sebastian Junger and a photographer spent with an American platoon in Afghanistan. "(The Tillman Story) is a different, more personal take on the Iraq war," he says of this doc about the death of former NFL player and U.S. Army Cpl. Pat Tillman.

Freakonomics

Walton is curious about Freakonomics not only because it's based on the best-selling book, but also because the style of the film is so appealing. "Each vignette (five in all) is by a different documentary filmmaker, including Alex Gibney and Morgan Spurlock," he says of the award-winning Taxi to the Dark Side and Super Size Me directors, respectively.

Waiting for Superman

"Anyone who is a fan of An Inconvenient Truth will be interested in this film," says Walton. Directed by Davis Guggenheim (An Inconvenient Truth, It Might Get Loud), Superman analyzes the failures of U.S. public education by following students navigating the system.



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Catfish and I'm Still Here

These films fall into the "Are they really documentaries?" category.

Catfish which details one man's quest to figure out the true identity of a woman he met on Facebook, and I'm Still Here, a film on Joaquin Phoenix's transition into a hip-hop artist, are both raising questions about what constitutes a true doc. Walton says these unique takes are helping make the genre more relevant: "Both play around with the format to make it more entertaining."



More Oscar bait

We asked Scott Feinberg, film industry analyst and film blogger (scott feinberg.com), for his predictions on which docs will be nominated this year:

Waiting for Superman – Looking at the failures of the American public education system.

Inside Job – A documentary

about the financial crisis.

➤ A Film Unfinished – Focuses on a Nazi-produced film about the Warsaw ghetto

Client 9: The Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer – A doc on former New York governor Eliot Spitzer's rise and fall.

Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work

- Explores the life and career
of the famous comedienne.

The skinny on being fat

New plus-sized sitcom Mike & Molly works hard to move beyond weighty issues

While the new sitcom Mike & Molly spins around two single people who hook up at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting, the stars and creative team insist the show isn't about being fat. Instead, they say, it's about people who happen to be fat.

And yet, with two overweight principals heading up a series produced in thin-obsessed Hollywood, can they avoid the discussion of weight?

Fat chance.

Throughout summer, a blast of major media outlets did stories about what one Los Angeles Times columnist dubbed the cur-rent crop of "pound-power" shows, narrative series with plus-sized leads, including Drop Dead Diva, Huge and, now, Mike & Molly, which the actors

"I'm used to being the guy that comes in, you say something funny, you move the scene along, you're out of the way" BILLY GARDELL, WHO PLAYS MIKE

were discussing with re-porters at the Television Critics Association press tour in late July.

"The questions feel a little bit like Hollywood is going, 'Are there fat people out there where you come from?" joked actor Billy Gardell, who plays Mike.

Mike & Molly is the brainchild of Mark of Roberts, working again with Chuck Lorre (Two and Half Men), who serves as an executive producer.

"When Mark and I started out on this process,



Mark mentioned Marty, the Ernest Borgnine film.

Lorre recalled about the story of a heavyset, lonely man seeking love. "That touched both of us, and the poignancy of people that might have given up hope that they'll ever find someone."

The casting call for the character of Molly asked for "a sweet-faced, overweight woman in her 30s. according to Roberts. ended up seeing just about every other woman who's been in any kind of pro-

duction of 'Hairspray,' but Melissa (McCarthy) was the first piece of tape we saw.

"With women of size,"Roberts said, "A lot of times there's often an overly apologetic nature to their being, or there's a too-rambunctious, sort of

Where to watch

The when and where you can watch the new sitcom Mike & Molly

Launch date Mike & Molly debuts Sept. 20. Check your local listings.

Chris Farley (thing). ... But she was just a person. She was just a sweet, lovable, funny woman who wasn't uncomfortable with her-

Previously, McCarthy, 40, and Gardell, 41, were seen in the periphery, as supporting players on such series as Samantha Who? and My Name Is Earl.

"I'm used to being the guy that comes in, you say something funny, you move the scene along, you're out of the way," Gardell said. "So, with this, I get to act. You get to really have moments. You're not only funny. ... You're driving the story.

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Sons of Anarchy finding some good from the bad

• An outlaw bike club chasing their dream is a compelling watch



The Sons of Anarchy, aka SAMCRO, might operate above the law (see: gunrunning, murder), but please — don't call them a gang. These "motorcycle enthusiasts" are after the same American dream as everyone else, says Sons of Anarchy series creator Kurt Sutter. As Season 3 opens, their path — which finds the club's matriarch on the lam and the baby of her son, SAMCRO vicepresident Jax, kidnapped
— is simply a little more dangerous than most peo-

don't necessarily think of these characters

as being bad men or bad women," says Sutter. "Although the solution and their actions are quite of-ten different than ones we would choose, their motivations are often the same as ours, whether it's protecting their family or pro-tecting their hometown."

Ron Perlman, who plays the club's founder and current president, has no qualms about making a hero out of a character that is typically the villain.

"(SAMCRO has) an incredibly well-articulated code of values that sort of permeates its way through the whole family — because it is a family," Perlman savs of the Sons. "It's men and women and children and earners and caretakers

Family drama is what it is. and spenders.



and we're just fighting for the things that are going to make us have the lives we want to live."

Even if that existence leads to a showdown with the Irish Republican Army

"No one is going to tell

us what that life should or should not be," Perlman says, speaking like a true club president. "We make up our own rules."

Show details

Everything you need to know to get into the Sons of Anarchy

- What's it about? Sons of Anarchy is the story of the Teller-Morrow family of Charming, CA, as well as the other members of Sons of Anarchy Motorcycle Club, Redwood Original Chapter (SAMCRO), their families, various Charming townspeople, and the various rivals and associates who undermine or support SAMCRO's legal and illegal enterprises.
- Main character The show centers on protagonist Jackson "Jax" Teller (Charlie Hunnam), the Vice President of the club who begins questioning the club, the morality and himself
- How old? Sons of Anarchy premiered on Sept. 3, 2008 on cable network FX
- What season is it in now? Its third season began this week.
- Popular? The show's first season averaged 5.4 million viewers weekly making it the network's most successful show since



Kennedy Center honours Oprah

TV host and actress Oprah Winfrey has been chosen as a Kennedy Center honoree right before the start of the 25th and final season of The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Winfrey was one of five honorees revealed yesterday.

day.
The 56-year-old TV host and actress will be honoured at the 33rd annual event in Washington on Dec. 5, along with former Beatles member Paul McCartney; dancer, cho-

reographer and director Bill T. Jones; country singer-songwriter Merle Haggard; and Broadway composer and lyricist Jerry Herman. "I love surprising peo-

"I love surprising people, I don't like being surprised," Winfrey said. "Releasing any kind of control over a show and allowing myself to sit there and be surprised is not going to be easy but I'm willing to do that."

The Kennedy Center Honors recognize performing artists for their contributions to American culture. Winners are selected by the Kennedy Center's Board of Trustees.

In addition to her award-winning TV show, Winfrey earned Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations for her work in the film adaptation of Alice Walker's novel The Color Purple.

Winfrey is used to celebrating others, both on her popular television show and at previous Kennedy Center Honours programs, but she said she's looking forward to being celebrated this time around.

"When I've done them in the past for people, it has always felt a little bit like being bombarded with a love festival that is about you, and you know that's gotta feel good," Winfrey said during a phone interview in between filming for her show. THE ASSOCIATEDPRESS

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Tyson yearns for lost Tupac time

• 'He had so much love and compassion, and you couldn't even see it under his rage,' Tyson says of Shakur

When Mike Tyson looks back on his friendship with Tupac Shakur, he thinks about the rapper's big heart, explosive anger — and the one regret he has about their relationship.

"He always wanted me to smoke weed with him, and I never did it, and I wish I did," Tyson said in a recent phone interview.

Tyson said he declined because he was a closet

Misunderstood

Tyson, 44, said the world never understood the real Shakur.

"He was probably a misguided warrior. He had a heart as big as this planet," Tyson said. smoker and didn't want it to get out that he smoked the drug. Now, when he looks back on the lost opportunity, he says: "That's my biggest regret."

Tyson's friendship with Shakur is the subject of a new documentary, One Night in Vegas: Tyson & Tupac, which airs Tuesday on ESPN.

The 25-year-old rapper was shot after a Tyson fight in Las Vegas on Sept. 7, 1996; he died six days later.

"He didn't last long, but the time he did last, every minute, every tenth of a moment was explosive," Tyson said.

The documentary chronicles their relationship, which Tyson said took hold when he was imprisoned in 1992 for rape.

"Every day, he would

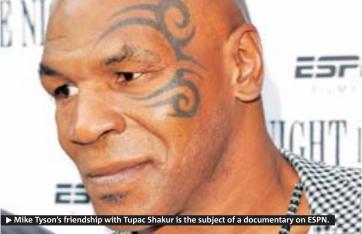
call me or get a chance to call me or send a message," said Tyson. "He would get word to me in prison."

By the time Tyson was released in 1995, Shakur would be jailed for sex abuse; he was released on bond later that year. When he got out of prison, Tyson and Shakur's friendship deepened. Both found it difficult to find people who truly cared for them, Tyson said.

"Our problem was we always had to worry about someone betraying us, our closest friends," Tyson said.

Friendship was so important to Shakur that he criticized Tyson when he selected a song from rapper Redman as his intro music at a fight.

"He said, 'Don't you ever play those (expletive) songs



again, they don't give a (expletive) about you," Tyson recalled. "When he said that, it pierced my soul ... I felt like I did something wrong."

After that talk, Tyson de-

cided Shakur's raps would be his intro music for life.

It was partly because Tyson had chosen Shakur's music as his fight music that Shakur went to Tyson's fight in Las Vegas. He made a special rap for Tyson's big night. After the fight, which Tyson won by knockout, Shakur was to join Tyson at a victory party. But he never made it.

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Bure, Courtnall hitting the ice

Hockey stars Patrice Brisebois, Valeri Bure, Russ Courtnall and champion figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva will be featured on the new season of CBC-TV's Battle of the Blades.

They join previously announced hockey veteran Theo Fleury and returning figure skaters Shae-Lynn Bourne, Isabelle Brasseur and Jamie Sale.

The second season of the campy reality series, in which veteran hockey players are paired with former figure skating champs for dance routines, features international competitors from Russia and the United States.

Other hockey players to compete on the upcoming edition are Kelly Chase, Georges Laraque, P.J. Stock and Todd Warri-

Rounding out the figure skating contingent is Violetta Afanasieva, Christine Hough-Sweeney, Kyoko Ina and Anabelle Langlois.

The new season of Battle of the Blades premieres Sept. 26 on CBC-TV. The live competition begins the following Sunday, Oct. 3.

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Television

The PBS series Independent Lens says actress America Ferrera will host its ninth season of documentary films.

- Ferrera follows past Independent Lens presenters including Susan Sarandon, Terrence Howard and Edie
- PBS says Ferrera will make

her debut when the award-winning anthology series begins its new season of 27 documentaries on Oct. 19.

Ferrera won an Emmy, a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award for her portrayal of Betty Suarez on ABC's Ugly Betty, which wrapped last year after four

New York is up for sale

Selling New York explores multi-million dollar real estate deals in Manhattan

Back in the day on Green Acres, Lisa Douglas used to sing, "I just adore a penthouse view."

She'd really adore Selling New York, the highend real estate reality show premiering Sept. 8 on HGTV Canada.

How high end? Oliver

How high end? Oliver and Lisa Douglas could not have afforded these castles in the sky. On a recent tour of four Manhattan penthouse properties showcased on the series, none were listed for less than \$8.9 million. The priciest and most spectacular — an 8,300 sq. ft., Fifth Avenue penthouse across the street from Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art — was listed at \$28.5 million.

While that lavish residence boasts seven bedrooms and nine

"Many of our clients want their privacy and want no part of this."

bathrooms, it doesn't come with parking. "If you live here, you

"If you live here, you don't need a car," says Michele Kleier, matriarch of the Gumley Haft Kleier agency, one of two real estate boutiques showcased on the series.

Kleier and her two daughters, Samantha and Sabrina, are key players in Selling New York.

They often walk their well-heeled clients through properties together, all in their matching red shoes and designer bags. They even finish each other's sentences.

Although discreet about



dropping names, the highend agents have helped Alist clients like Al Pacino, John Travolta and A-Rod find their cozy corners of Manhattan.

Selling lifestyles of the rich and famous to the rich and famous was why Kleier turned down the first few offers to front a real estate reality series.

"First, we never planned to be on TV, second we were nervous," she says from the massive master bedroom of a Park Avenue penthouse.

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Neither, at first, did the Kleiers. Other networks had pitched similar show ideas, but the family was wary of being depicted as The Real Housewives of the Upper East Side. One producer promised that, as Kleier recalls, "we wouldn't position you as a train wreck, but very often that's how you come off." Thanks, but no thanks, said the Kleiers.

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Need to know

Everything you need to know to get into Selling New York

- stubborn downturn in the economy still has Manhattan in its grip, but these agents don't scare easy. Ask them how business is and they'll admit things take a little longer to move these days and a few clients have dropped their prices. But the rich and famous still need places to live
- No closure? At these prices, you won't see a lot of deals close on Selling New York. As the Kleiers note, each season is shot over three months, and it often takes that long to get even Fortune 500 clients to "sign off on the dotted line."
- Some sales There are sales in season 1, however, and plenty of drama in trying to get that commission.

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Getting dumped

Some of the other Housewives stars who have been dropped by producers

- Atlanta Last month, energetic entrepreneur Lisa Wu Hartwell was also officially revealed to not be among the Atlanta ladies' third season, premiering Oct. 4. Producers said it was because she moved far outside of Atlanta area. NeNe Lekes, Kim Zolciak, Sheree Whitfield and Kandi Burruss will instead be joined by model Cynthia Bailey and lawyer Phaedra Parks.
- orange County Lynne Curtain, the spacey mother of two rowdy teenage daughters introduced at the beginning of Orange County's fourth season, posted on her Facebook profile last month that she would not be returning to the show. Cohen wouldn't comment on the most recent cast changes.
- An original Only brash original housewife Vicki Gunvalson remains on the Orange County edition, while the New York, Atlanta and New Jersey chapters have all experienced cast changes.

Danielle Staub latest to leave Real Housewives

• Joins a long list of former stars that have recently gotten the boot

Bravo is cleaning house.

The network announced Monday that Danielle Staub, the firestarter on The Real Housewives of New Jersey, would not be returning to the show. Throughout the tumultuous second season, Staub enraged Caroline Manzo, her sister-in-law Jacqueline Laurita and family friend Teresa Gudice, though Staub seemed to make amends at the end of Monday's reunion episode.

"The reunion was Danielle's last appearance on The Real Housewives of New Jersey," said Andy Cohen, Bravo's senior vice-president of original programming and development who also hosts The Real Housewives re-

union shows. "We thought the hugs were a great way to end two seasons of bitterness between the women."

It's the latest in a series of Real Housewives departures. Sarcastic chef Bethenny Frankel, who starred earlier this year in the spin-off Bethenny Getting Married? told Us Weekly magazine last week that she did not want to return for the New York edition's fourth outing because last season was "scary and painful."

"Do I expect her to be

"Do I expect her to be holding an apple at the beginning of the show? Probably not," said Cohen. "I do hope to see her in the Housewives universe in some way."



Writing Wonder off? Chick lit's presence strong on the Web Maybe chick lit doesn't get the New York Times

Like everyone, we want to talk about Jonathan Franzen's latest novel • 'Chick lit' author Jennifer Weiner questions all the attention

Chick lit's

Maybe chick lit doesn't get the New York Times inches Weiner would like, but it has a loyal following on the Web. Angela Smith, contributing editor to ChickLitClub.com (one

of many sites devoted to the genre), tells us

what makes the books so appealing to her readers:

They make you laugh till you cry or bring you to tears just as easily. You can always count on these fabulous women authors to deliver something unique and wonderful."



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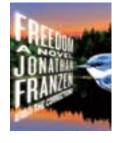


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If Jonathan Franzen had been available for an interview, you'd be reading a feature on his new book, Freedom. But considering President Obama was spotted toting an advance copy and Time magazine dubbed Franzen the Great American Novelist on a cover last month, the guy is busy. We

Reading

Jonathan Franzen Freedom A Novel



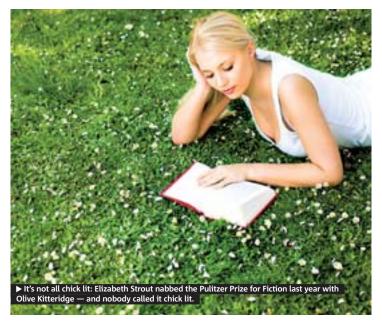
understand, but still feel compelled to talk about his - something Phillybased author Jennifer Weiner finds curious.

In an interview with the Huffington Post, Weiner herself a best-selling author of seven novels - admitted (perhaps a little bitterly) that she thinks gender plays a role in media coverage of commercial fiction.
"Do I think I should be

getting all of the attention that Jonathan 'Genius' Franzen gets? Nope. Would I like to be taken at least as seriously as a Jonathan Tropper or a Nick Hornby? Absolutely," she said, later adding: "All of them would be considered chick lit writers if they were girls."

While Franzen is definitely having his moment, Kabi Hartman, assistant professor of English at Franklin and Marshall College, isn't convinced there's a bias. "My guess is that Franzen fulfills an archetypal image we still have of the 'Great Writer' — aloof, tou-sled, tortured — and that archetype remains largely, perhaps essentially, masculine," she says. "However, I take comfort from the fact that 10 of the '20 Under 40' writers named by The New Yorker this summer are women."

Although no one is arguing that The Devil Wears Prada deserves a place on the shelf next to The Corrections, Crystal Patriarche, contributing books editor at SheKnows.com and a publicist for many women novelists, does think chick lit deserves more respect — and a new name. "In many cases, it's an overused term these authors write books about motherhood and insecurities and families and real issues," she



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Donoghue up for Man Booker

Ontario-based author Emma Donoghue has made the short list for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for fiction.

The Irish-born writer's harrowing new novel Room is one of six contenders announced yesterday for the 50,000-pound \$77,000 US prize, which guarantees a glut of media attention and a big boost in sales.

Donoghue's Room. about a boy who's never been outside the room in which he lives with his mother, made the Booker long list before it was even published.

When it finally hit shelves in Britain and Ireland, it was an instant bestseller. Now, various North American publications — including Oprah Winfrey's O magazine have it on their must-read lists ahead of publication in Canada on Sept. 11 and the U.S. on Sept. 13.

Two-time Booker Prize winner Peter Carey is also a finalist for the prestigious award with his work Parrot and Olivier in America — a U.S. odyssey inspired by philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville.

Carey took home Bookers in 1988 for Oscar and Lucinda and in 2001 for True History of the Kelly Gang. He would be the first writer to win the prize three times, but is considered a long shot.

The early favourite, according to bookmaker William Hill, is British Tom McCarthy, writer whose wildly experimental C - the story of a technology-obsessed 20th-century everyman drawn comparisons to James Joyce.

The prize other finalists are In a Strange Room by South Africa's Damon Galgut, a previous Booker finalist; philosophical comedy The Finkler Question by Britain's Howard Jacobson; and Small Island author Andrea Levy's The Long Song, the story of a slave on a 19th-century Jamaican sugar planta-



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Angelina Jolie meeting flood victims in Pakistan



 Urges countries to give more aid
 Appealing to private citizens to donate as well

American movie star Angelina Jolie met flood victims in northwestern Pakistan on yesterday and appealed to the international community to provide aid needed to help the country recover from the worst natural disaster in its history.

The flow of aid money has stalled in recent days, and officials expressed hope the two-day visit by Jolie — who serves as a "goodwill ambassador" for the U.N.'s refugee agency — will convince foreign countries and individuals to open their wallets and give once again.

The 35-year-old actress said she met with many people whose lives have been devastated by the floods, including mothers

who lost their children and an elderly Pakistani couple who feared they would never be able to rebuild the homes that they've lost.

they've lost.
"I am very moved by them and I hope that I am able to, today and tomorrow, be able to do something to help bring attention to the situation for all of the people in need in Pakistan," Jolie told reporters after visiting a refugee camp in the Jalozai area.

She toured the area wearing a long black robe and a black headscarf adorned with a thin red stripe — the kind of conservative clothing worn by many Muslim women in Pakistan.



Vegas police defend Paris' quick release

Las Vegas police are defending Paris Hilton's quick release from jail after her Aug. 27 arrest on suspicion of cocaine possession, saying they wanted to avoid disruptions in the jail's operations.

Hilton was out of the jail in about three hours, roughly half the average time it takes to process people facing the same charge, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

Metropolitan Police Deputy Chief Jim Dixon, who runs the jail, ac-knowledged Hilton was pushed through the booking process to get her into a separate room and out of the jail as soon as possible.

He noted a crowd of about 100 people gathered outside the Wynn Las Vegas resort to snap photos and shoot video of Hilton while her boyfriend. Cv Waits, was pulled over and arrested on suspicion of driving under the influ-

"Yeah, she was treated differently so I don't have a disruption of my process here at the county jail," Dixon told the Review-Journal. "When you bring somebody in like that, everybody comes over and tries to look at them. I'd have officers attempting to keep inmates away from her. I'd have disruptions.

Because of overcrowding, Hilton presented a major problem for jailers, Dixon added.

Hilton, 29, was charged with one felony count of cocaine possession after authorities say she opened a purse in front of a police lieutenant and a small baggie of cocaine fell out. Hilton claims neither the purse nor the cocaine was

She's scheduled to appear before Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure on Oct. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Aniston seen with TV star

Jennifer Aniston stepped out recently with Cougar Town star Josh Hopkins, sharing a two-hour dinner at popular restaurant Madeo in Beverly Hills, according to People magazine.

She and Josh sat at a more private table and they seemed to get along great,' a source says. "It was obvious that they don't know each other well, but there was a flirty energy between them and Jen looked very hарру." **⊚ метко**

Oksana wants Mel to pay for her PR costs

Oksana Grigorieva some new demands in her ongoing custody battle with Mel Gibson, according to TMZ. The Russian singer is reportedly asking the judge to make Gibson pay her an addition \$84,000 to pay off the public relations firm she's been using.

Grigorieva is also reportedly looking to have her monthly stipend increased from \$6,000 to \$40,000. Sources doubt



the judge will award approve any money for the publicist, as it's not for the care of her and Gibson's daughter.

Celebrity tweets



Jessica Simpson (A)JessicaS impson] This day last year

my life changed because I lost my baby Daisy Mae- the best pup of all time...give your dog some extra love today!!



Perry [@katyper ry] In Italy

Pray Love moment stuffing my face w/ spaghetti (say w/accent) Loving it, eating it, praying it won't stick.



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The largest herd of Rothschild giraffes in Canada is now a little bigger, with the birth of Johanna at the African Li-300-hectare drivepark. through which also features lions, baboons, zebras, elephants and other animals, says the healthy 1.6-metre-tall giraffe arrived Aug. 18, standing up within minutes of birth THE CANADIAN PRESS



Renewed Bandelier National Monument tells story of **New Mexico's** pueblo people

Sure, there are hundred dollar bottles of wine in Napa Valley, but you don't have to crush your budget to have a great time • From touring avant-garde art, to gliding up a mountain on a gondola so you can sip champagne at the top, there are plenty of low-cost options



Napa Valley offers **Stape fun**

No doubt about it, the Napa Valley can be expensive. But there are vine values to be found if you know where to look

Here are five things to do in wine country for \$25 or less each:

Art au natural The di Rosa art preserve features groundbreaking artworks from the San Francisco Bay area set in 88 hectares of vineyard and gardens at the southern end of the Napa Valley. Created by collectors Rene and Veronica di Rosa, works are housed in their former home as well as the grounds. Your visit can be

as simple as a free jaunt through the Gatehouse Gallery, at the entrance, to guided tours of the grounds and the di Rosas' former home.

The Rubicon of Wine Love movies? Love wine? Then a tour of Francis Ford Coppola's Rubicon Estate may be an offer you can't refuse. Founded in 1880, by the 1970s, the winery had fallen on hard times, which is when director Coppola came across it and began a 25-year jourof restoring chateau and winery.

Old Faithful It's all about

water, not wine at the Old Faithful geyser in Calistoga at the top of the valley. This isn't the biggest geyser in the world, but it is regular, spouting off every 40 minutes or so. The water, about 350 degrees, shoots as high as 18 metres. This is one place in Napa where kids are wel-

Up in the air Take a gondola ride at Sterling Vineyards up a hillside to the beautiful, white-stucco winery. Adult guests are greeted with a glass of wine and then sent on a self-guided tour that offers a glimpse of winemaking operations

and barrel storage before emerging on to a sunny rooftop patio with breathtaking view of the valley. Tastings are set up in five stages along the

From the terrace Finish your day by heading south to Domaine Carneros. This is a sparkling property built in the style of a French chateau. It's also one of the few wineries where you can get table service. Sit on the terrace overlooking a rolling green sweep of vineyard and order a glass of bubly and plate of cheese.

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If you go

- The di Rosa art preserve. 5200 Sonoma Highway, Napa, Calif., 707-226-5991, dirosaart.org. Open Wed. to Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours and tastings start at
- Rubicon Estate, at 1991 St. Helena Hwv., Rutherford, Calif., 800-782-4266, rubiconestate.com. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Old Faithful geyser, 1299 Tubbs Lane, Calistoga, Calif., 707-942-6463, oldfaithfulgeyser .com. Adults, US\$10, seniors, \$7 US, children, 6-12, \$3 US. under 6. free.
- Sterling Vineyards, 1111 Dunaweal Lane, Calistoga, Calif., 800-726-6136, sterlingvineyards.com/ home. Tour and tasting starts at \$25 US.
- Domaine Carneros, 1240 Duhig Rd., Napa, Calif., 800-716-2788, domaine carneros.com. Table service from 10 a.m.to 5:45



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• Touring the Miami River offers a glimpse of the city's rich history beyond the glitz of South Beach

The Miami River isn't the prettiest body of water in the city.

It's not the clearest or the cleanest, and it's certainly not made for swimming. But along its banks are remnants of Miami as it once was.

Upstaged by the city's sizzling beaches and ocean views, the river is often overlooked. But visitors wishing for an unvarnished yet still charming view of Miami may consider touring the almost nine kilometre-long waterway with HistoryMiami — the city's cultural and historical centre.

"In Miami, you have these celebrity tours that just talk about who lives where. It's strictly a richand-famous thing," said historian Paul George, who leads the boat tours. "My tours are heavily historical and architectural."

But that doesn't make

"Miami's not just a famous, glitzy kind of shallow tourist city."

PAUL GEORGE, HISTORIAN

them boring. George, a native Miamian who grew up playing around many of the riverside landmarks, displays obvious excitement for and encyclopedic knowledge of his city.

The tour, offered several times a year, begins near the Miami Circle where the Tequesta aboriginals carved an inverted dome into the bedrock some 2,000 years ago, perhaps as part of the foundation for an important structure at the river's mouth.

A few blocks west lies the Royal Palm Cottage, which once housed men working for Henry Flagler, the developer who brought in the railroad system and helped build up Miami from swampland.

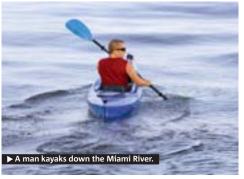
Upriver, the banks change from luxury hotels to weather-beaten fishing boats. This is a working river that produces some \$4 billion US in trade each year and sustains some 7,000 jobs.

Amid the industrial bustle, George points to the "hidden gem" of Sewell Park — a 10-acre greenspace boasting 100-year-old palm trees.

The tour then floats past the eatery Garcia's Seafood Grille and Fish Market, where food comes in fresh from the family's fleet of lobster, stone crab and fishing vessels.

"Miami's not just a famous, glitzy, kind of shallow, tourist city," said George, adding his tour "gives you an appreciation of the variety of people and experiences and places in greater Miami." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





If you go

 HistoryMiami, 305-375-1621. Next tours are Oct. 23 and Dec. 11. Tickets: \$49 US a person. Reservations required in advance.
 Boarding Go to the Miami-Dade Cultural Center to meet the guide, 101 West Flagler St.

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Just north of Winnipeg lies a pristine wetland offering unspoiled views of birds.

Oak Hammock Marsh, established by Ducks Unlimited and the Manitoba government, is made up of 36-square-kilometers of wetland that is home to more than 300 species of birds — everything from finches to eagles to elegant white pelicans — as well as 30-odd types of mammals in including beavers and ground squirrels.

The marsh has a threestorey centre with a grass roof. It's the highest structure within kilometres, so a visit to the observation deck provides a 360-degree view to the horizon.

During the busy fall migration season, which lasts from early September to mid-October, you can



♠ Manitoba wetland provides unparallelled views of 300 species of migrating birds ♠ Just outside Winnipeg, also offers a clear gaze of constellations and northern lights

If you go

Oak Hammock March, is off highway 67, about 20 minutes from Winnipeg. Admission: \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children; oakhammock marsh.ca.

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watch hundreds of thousands of birds come and go from every direction.

"It's ... almost like a gas station along the highway would be for a car," said Jacques Bourgeois, the facility's event co-ordinator.

Lying along a route used

by birds that travel to northern Canada in the summer and as far south as Florida in the winter, the preserve offers a safe place to stop with plenty of food. Birds gorge for two or three weeks, eating what would amount to dozens of pizzas each day for a human and adding 10 per cent to their body weight before continuing on their journey.

Thirty kilometres of walking trails that meander through the marsh are designed to minimize human impact on the environment. And, because it is free of light pollution, the centre provides a clear view of the stars.

Once a month, the centre offers an indoor theatre presentation about the constellations, followed by

a look at the real thing from the rooftop. It has also become a hot spot at which to see the northern lights in fall, when the days get noticeably shorter and aurora borealis visibility peaks.

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The future of travel is here

mTrip application for iPhone blends technology and travel reality Serves as travel guide all over world

world that surrounds you.

The new iPhone application mTrip is a travel guide and then some: Using the latest smart phone technology, it helps travellers stay on track while abroad.

But isn't getting lost part of the fun of travelling? So-called "augmented reality" became more widely available about a year ago and takes advantage of a smart phone's GPS and compass features, along with access to highspeed wireless networks, to mash up super-local web content with the It works like this: You turn on the application, hit the augmented reality button and then look through your phone's camera at the Brooklyn Bridge or the Empire State Building. Icons pop up that show you other points of interest, or restaurants within about a kilometre

of your location, whether the restaurant is open, and what reviewers are saying about it.

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company Sparks to provide content but also rely on user-generated reviews and suggestions. There's a spot in the app that allows you to send a new place back to mTrip for reviews and additions to its list.

The app also has something called mTrip genius, which works similarly to the genius feature in iTunes. You note whether you want more or fewer parks, religion or monuments, and it designs an itinerary for you.

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From yummy snacks to food to impress, The Vegetarian Student Cookbook is a must for students

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Ingredients:

- 14 oz. dried spaghetti
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- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- · freshly chopped parsley
- ½ cup Pecorino, grated or shaved

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Spaghetti with Butternut Squash, Sage and Pecorino Preparation:

- Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil and add a pinch of salt. Drop in the pasta and cook according to the instructions on the packet.
- Heat the oil in a frying pan over high heat. Add the squash and cook for 5–6 minutes, turning often, until golden but not breaking up. Add the garlic and sage to the pan and cook for 2–3 minutes. Remove from the heat and leave to sit to allow the flavours to develon.
- 3 Drain the pasta well and return to the warm pan



with the squash mixture

Add the parsley and half of the Pecorino and sea-

son well with salt and pepper. Serve with the remaining cheese sprinkled over the top. Makes four servings.
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Fiverr makes a quick buck

Networking site offers entrepreneurial services for less than \$5



A website anonymously pairing people looking to have tasks out of their realm completed quickly and inexpensively with those able to offer such resources for the nominal, unwavering fee of five dollars, Fiverr.com is one of the world's fastest-growserviced-based networking sites.

"Finding outsourced or freelanced minor tasks that are monumental and time consuming for the novice but simple for the experienced. That's what this site is," notes Micha Kaufman, co-founder of Fiverr.com about his creation. "The idea of Fiverr is to capture this notion that everyone is a microentrepreneur and can turn a profit from it.'

Used by homemakers, students, amateurs and professionals alike, a quick quick glimpse of Fiverr.com unveils offers of everything from the (emailing outlandish pets/writing gag songs) to practical (designing Flash logos for businesses) in an effort to allow capitalization on one's particular speciality.

Today, thousands of people buy and sell ex-pertise or kitsch through the strictly-online service which allows person-toperson-toperson. business and business-to-business employ by simply placing an order through Fiverr.com. Enrolled participants may purchase from other Fiverrs or post their own

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offers, with solicitations sent via email. Upon completion of the task, payment is rendered via the entrepreneur's PayPal account with a percentage going to maintain the Fiverr enterprise.

"I draw caricatures of people," notes Vancouverbased political cartoonist J.J. McCullough who uses Fiverr as an addendum to own filibustercartoons.com site. McCullough's work has quickly made him a popular contributor.

"It's fun to browse, trade and exchange with "Fiverr.com is intuitively simple. It takes only seconds for anyone to buy or sell whatever you need for five dollars."

other Fiverrs as a self-promotional tool; great for offering simplistic, minimalist services.

With its ease-of-use, low financial impact and increased online presence, Fiverr.com required little advertising to gain notoriety. Building a membership base principally via word-of-mouth, Kaufman notes that the site appeals to both dedicated dollar earners and those seeking diversion.

Because Fiverr.com is available for both financial gain as well as personal fulfillment, fun and social connectivity, its value is broad; far beyond just making a few dollars. Some people have proven their abilities through Fiverr and moved on to great jobs. Others sell their abilities or wares just to do something amusing."

Growth spurt

Launched a mere six months ago, Fiverr.com has taken off like something out of the late-'90s dot-com boom.
It is already the 450th

most popular website in the U.S. and 800th globally; has just surpassed 100,000 services offered/rendered in that brief time span. Even

Micha Kaufman is an enthusiastic customer.

'Apart from the 'eat your own dog food' that most companies should do, I've tried all kinds of things; spent tons of money here in small five dollar doses," he laughs. "Mostly on special gifts for loved ones like special postcards or having a song written and recorded for my

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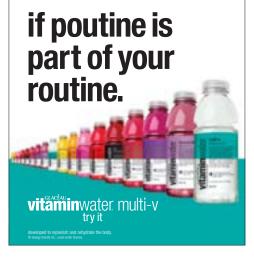
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University course is a thriller for zombie fans

Call it Zombies 101: The University of Baltimore is offering a new class on the undead.

The course is being taught by Arnold Blumberg, the author of a book on zombie movies, Zombiemania, and the curator of Geppi's Entertainment Museum, which focuses on American pop culture, according to The Baltimore Sun newspaper.

Students taking English

333 will watch 16 classic zombie films and read zombie comics. As an alternative to a final research paper they may write scripts or draw storyboards their ideal zombie flicks.

The university isn't the first to have a class on the undead. Columbia College in Chicago has offered a course on Zombies in popular media for years.

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Older teen students giving up

A newly released study has found that one in five old-Canadian teenagers were no longer pursuing a formal education in 2008.

The 20 per cent rate among teenagers aged 15 to 19 in Canada was higher than the average of 15 per cent across the 31 countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Statistics Canada reports the OECD proportion was down from 20 per cent in 1998, but it remained stable at 20 per cent in Cana-

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Kick bad habits to score school success

• Implement good routine early or bad habits could sneak back

Now that the school year is underway, students and parents — are settling back into the school Unfortunately, some students can also find themselves settling back into bad habits from previous years.

"It's important to start the new school year off on the right foot," said Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder and CEO of Oxford Learning. "The habits that students develop in the early weeks can stick with them for the entire year.'

According to Dr. Whitehead, the sooner that students make good school habits part of their daily routine, the more likely that they will keep these habits for the entire school year. The trick, he says, is to implement good school habits as soon as possible, or else bad habits can sneak back.

So how do parents and students implement good school habits for the entire school year?

Dr. Whitehead recommends that parents take out last year's final report card and review teacher's comments.

"If there are school issues from last year that weren't addressed over the summer, it's likely that they will become problems again this year,"

he says. "Knowing what the challenges are, and getting help with these areas before they become issues, is a great way to avoid repeating habits."

Dr. Whitehead also recommends that parents reintroduce school-year routines such as limiting TV and computer time, setting bedtimes and wake

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Bad habits

Five habits that ruin a school year:

1. Oversleeping/Not Get-

ting Enough Sleep. Students of all ages need sleep. Research has shown that during sleep, the brain files and stores information learned throughout the day. Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder and CEO of Oxford Learning, says that not getting enough sleep can impair a student's ability to focus in

2. Too Much Screen Time.

TVs, computers, and cellphones are distracting to students. Mounting evidence is showing that multitasking is not as good as was once originally thought. Accessing the Internet during homework time doesn't necessarily improve students' ability to work, and it can detract from their ability to focus on a single task for a period of time.

3. Procrastinating. From social lives to family responsibilities and extracurricular activities students can be tempted to leave homework until

the last minute. Too many distractions, not following a schedule, or not using an agenda can put homework at the bottom of the priority list. According to oxfordlearning.com, students can avoid lastminute scrambles and late-night cram sessions by making schoolwork a priority.

4. Poor Nutrition. Food is fuel—the better the quality, the better the performance. If children eat a sugary breakfast, or skip breakfast altogether, they run the risk of performing poorly in school. Without

proper nutrition, students can tire out and lose focus. Students should focus on their teacher, not on their rumbling bellies.

5. Not Getting Help. According to Dr. Whitehead, one of the biggest mistakes that students make is waiting too long to seek help. Often it takes a call from the teacher or a failing grade before students seek support. At that point it takes more effort to correct the problem than if a student had asked for help at the "I'm-not-reallyunderstanding-this stage."

Venus in semis, last U.S. man out

Switzerland's Wawrinka knocks out American Querrey in five sets

Venus Williams is back in a Grand Slam semifinal. The year will end without an American man being able to make the same claim.

Stanislas Wawrinka beat Sam Querrey in five sets yesterday to put two Swiss men in a major quarter-final for the first time in the Open era — and keep the Americans out of that round in the U.S. Open for the second straight year.

After waiting out that nearly four-hour match, Williams defeated French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 7-6 (5), 6-4. It's her first Grand Slam semifinal since last year's Wimbledon.

Wawrinka won 7-6 (9), 6-7 (5), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 to join a countryman whose presence this deep in a major tournament is just assumed: Roger Federer. Not so for Wawrinka. The 25-year-old had been 0-5 in the round of 16 at Grand

"Roger, he's always in quarter-finals since many years, so that's not some-thing different," Wawrinka said. "But for me, it's my first time, so it's something important for my career.'

The U.S. men, meanwhile, had at least one quarter-finalist at their home major each of the first 41 years of the Open era. That changed in 2009, and now it's happened again. This year goes down

Seed position of Tommy Robredo, the lowest-ranked man left in the draw, before he lost to 12th-seeded Mikhail Youzhny yesterday.

as the worst for American men in Grand Slam events. They had only one quarterfinalist at the four major tournaments: Andy Rod-dick at the Australian

"Yeah, you think about it," Querrey said when asked by a reporter about the U.S. drought. "I definitely wanted to win and keep the American men, keep the hope going." Williams, seeded third,

and the sixth-seeded Schiavone struggled to hold serve: There were nine breaks in 23 games. Williams failed to serve out the match in the second set, then proceeded to break the Italian to clinch the victory.

"It's not easy to play in these conditions," Williams said. "It's hard to know what decisions to make."

Next up for Williams is a semifinal against defend-ing champion Kim Clijsters, who beat Sam Stosur 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
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Quoted



"It's refreshing. man, to go from the situation I was in and come here ... I'm coming to play with guys that are similar to me emotionally, the way they play the game and how they love the game." FORMER SEATTLE RECEIVER

T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH ON BALTIMORE RAVENS, HE INKED A ONE-YEAR, \$855,000 US CONTRACT YESTERDAY.

Woods named to Ryder team along with surprise

Tiger Woods was a nobrainer as a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup.

Rickie Fowler?

That required a little more than deep thought.

'It just came down to feelings," captain Corey Pavin said. "I had a gut feeling about Rickie.'

Fowler, the 21-year-old mop top who only turned pro 11 months ago, made history yesterday as the first PGA Tour rookie on the American team and the first captain's pick to have

6 This will be the sixth Ryder Cup team for Woods, but the first in which he needed to be picked. Woods had finished first in the standings every time.

never won on tour.

He was the only big mystery when Pavin announced his four picks at the New York Stock Exchange. Pavin also chose a pair of major champions, Stewart Cink and Zach Johnson, both of whom have played the Ryder Cup on the road.

The matches will be held Oct. 1-3 at Celtic Manor in

Fowler will be the youngest American to play in the Ryder Cup since Woods in 1997, but only the second-youngest player at Celtic Manor. Rory McIlroy, the 21-year-old from Northern Ireland, earned his way onto the European team.
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A Swedish driver could be looking at a speeding fine of 780,000 euros after being caught driving at close to 300 km/h on a motorway in Switzerland. The motorist was doing more than twice the speed limit in his **Mercedes Benz** SLS, and suggested that his speeding was down to the "faulty" speedometer on his new car. METRO WORLD NEWS



Escape to a greener driving experience

● Hybrid version of Ford's bestselling compact SUV is handsome, practical and fun to drive ● Gasoline-electric system one of the best



As fuel prices climb, many people are looking at hybrid-electric vehicles. One of my favourites is Ford's compact SUV, the Escape Hybrid.

Save for its badges and instrument cluster, it doesn't look much different from its conventional Escape siblings. It's what's inside that sets it apart. It uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder gasoline, along with an electric motor and storage

battery. You don't plug it in — such hybrids are coming, but aren't here yet — rather, Escape charges its battery while you're driving. Under the right conditions, such as low speeds or when full power isn't needed, it can run on electricity alone.

The electric motor can also boost the gasoline engine on acceleration, providing more power for less fuel. At a stop, the gas engine shuts off completely, so there's nothing coming out of the tailpipe at stoplights or in traffic. The lights, heater and

stereo continue to work, and the electric motor restarts the engine, so there's no starter to wear out.

Available in both frontor all-wheel-drive, the Escape Hybrid starts at \$34,899, while my top-ofthe-line Limited AWD started at \$42,299. That's \$2,750 more than a Limited AWD with 3.0-litre V6 gasoline engine, which is one of the drawbacks of hybrids: they cost more, and you'll have to do the math to figure out if you're going to save enough in gasoline to make up the difference. Escape's hybrid system works really well: it's pretty much seamless between gas and electric, its continuously variable (CVT) automatic transmission has none of the "rubber band" feeling these units can sometimes have, and the 7.5 L/100 km (38 mpg) that I averaged in everyday driving was much better than the 11.2 L/100 km (25 mpg) that I got in a regular V6 Escape.

The five-passenger seating is roomy, and the upholstery is made of 100 per cent recycled materials. The

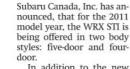
The specs

2011 Ford Escape Hybrid

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- FUEL ECONOMY City 6.6, hwy 7.3, as-tested 7.5
- WHAT'S BEST Hybrid system works well, comfortable interior, practical design

rear seats fold down to make a flat cargo floor that's up to 170 cm long.

2011 Subaru WRX STI available in two body styles



In addition to the new styling, the 2011 WRX STI features significantly revised suspension tuning and lighter 18-inch wheels for even sharper handling. The WRX SII has been a recipient of continuous improvement since its introduction. Detailed chassis development, including testing on Germany's famed Nurburgring racetrack, has resulted in the best-handling Impreza WRX SII models Subaru has ever offerred.

The 2011 WRX STI con-

tinues as the ultimate-performance Subaru with its high-boost 305 hp turbocharged/intercooled Subaru Boxer engine teamed with a six-speed manual transmission and the exclusive Multi-Mode Driver Controlled Centre Differential (DCCD) version of Subaru's Symmetrical Full-time All-Wheel Drive system.





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To describe the level of output in any given engine, we need to use two different measurement units: Horsepower, and torque. This duality has, in my opinion, created a monster.

hy do we need two different measure ment units? Is one more important than the other? What is their relationship?

If you don't care about the answers to those questions, consider yourself lucky.

The rest of us are doomed to live in uncertainty. Because no matter how many lengthy explanations you hear or read, you can never be 100 percent sure you "got it," so

atmospheric and ethereal are the elements and relationships of horsepower and torque.

So I realize that my following explanation may only add to the confusion, but something compels to try.

Torque is grunt — what you use to twist the lid open on a bottle of pickles. The actual dictionary definition is "twisting or rotat-ing force." In automotive terms it's the "force" that ultimately turns the vehicle's drive wheels. The strength of that "force" is expressed in a torque rating.

TALE OF TORQUE AND HORSEPOWER



As an example, let's look at the most popular car in Canada, the Honda Civic; its 1.8-litre engine produces 128 lbs-ft of torque at 4,300 rpm. This denotes the maximum amount of torque that the engine can create, and fast that engine is revving, when it makes its maximum torque.

But it also produces 140 horsepower (hp) at 6,300

rpm.
This is where the fun starts. I think it's useful to ponder why horsepower ratings were invented in the first place — to give us an idea of how much work a "steam engine" could do, relative to a horse. So horsepower is a "rate' how much torque can be

delivered over a period of

For some reason, the amount of torque used for horsepower calculation has been set at 550 lb-ft per second. The rationale for that figure is explained somewhere in The Da Vinci Code.

So an engine's horsepower rating is tied to its torque rating.

But that doesn't necessarily mean you want an engine designed solely for maximum torque. Generally, to make an engine with a lot of torque (or force) means the engine will turn over (or rev) slowly. Think of the big, diesel engines in large ships — a lot of force is needed to turn their propellers. Engines like that huge torque numbers, and surprisingly low horsepower figures.

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An engine that gives us big - but infrequent power events is basically useless in a road-going vehicle. Better to have somewhat less torque, but have it delivered more frequently.

But you don't want

things too rev-happy either, as most people prefer engines that have most of their torque available during a wide range of en-

gine speeds.

Unless you're obsessed with top speed (horsepow-er-focused), or need to plough a field with a tractor (torque-focused), it then becomes an exercise in finding a compromise.









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Smart screens are here

Display screens in cars are getting bigger and better • They are being used in less expensive models



We're more used to seeing small, brightly-coloured screens in our laptops and cell phones, but now they're coming to our cars

At the moment, you're more likely to find the multi-coloured multimedia screens in the central dashboards of premium cars including Audis. BMWs and Mercedes.

These TFT — Thin Film Transistor — screens that show navigation, infotainment, driver-information systems and rear-viewcamera displays were once the preserve of premium cars, but they're now be-coming more democratic.

As people buy more smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles, expect to see more of these multipurpose screens in the dashboards of the Opel Corsas and Ford Fiestas of this world.

Most amazingly of all they are now migrating from the middle of the

dashboard to a position in front of the driver, where the instrument clusthat includes tachometer and fuel levels is.

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great example is in the Jaguar where 30cm. high-definition TFT screen replaces the traditional physical dials Drive@earth with a virtual display. The screen can show speed, revs, and fuel levels, temperature and so on, but is also a display area for the car's multimedia and infotainment systems, driver assistance

▶ TFT screens could soon replace your traditional analogue dials and navigation map. It can



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figurability means different information can be displayed at different times, something no analogue display can do.

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And in the future? Highresolution colour TFT dis-

plays may yet take over the entire instrument cluster and dashboard and become the headline act for all the car's information systems. Large reconfigurable display screens will offer more room and more flexible functionality. The recent Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG E-Cell concept may yet be an accurate indica-tor of the way this technology will grow.

As the screens cheaper to produce, they are set to get even larger. In the E-Cell concept almost the entire centre stack was a 25cm touchscreen such that the usual array of HVAC and audio switchgear was consigned to history.

There few challenges to

how many ways the screen can be used is safety - obviously it's not a good idea to drive with loads of different pieces of informa-tion flashing up on your display.

The other is drivers' behaviour; according to reports most drivers feel comfortable with old-fashioned 'real' dials and buttons rather than virtual ones. Maybe we're not as comfortable with the future as we think we

ag creates dream XJ to mark 75th anniversary

As part of the year long celebration of Jaguar's 75th anniversary the Jaguar design team created the XJ75 Platinum Cona one-of-a-kind design project that was on display at the Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance Concept Car Lawn recently.
The XI75 Platinum Con-

cept is the company's first demonstration of the design customization potential of the striking new XJ luxury salon, emphasizing the Jaguar's dramatic interior and exterior styling themes.

white and black contrast theme that suggests pre-cious platinum metal, the XJ75 Platinum Concept is a high-performance 2011 Jaguar XJL Super-charged equipped with new ground-hugging front, rear and side sills.

Painted satin matte pearlescent white, exterior chrome elements have been revised to either a chrome or black.

Bespoke 22-inch wheels black and use brushed contrast finish. The contrast theme contin-



white air vents, veneers

ues with gloss pearlescent and diamond stitch suede inserts to the seats and

headliner, all set against the backdrop of a full Jet

Suede and leather accents are seen throughout the interior to further material enhancements.

Performance on the XJ75 Platinum Concept is derived from its 5.0-litre supercharged direct-injection V8 with 470 hp and 424 lb/ft of torque.

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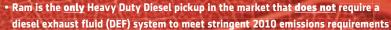


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Cross over to Murano

Nissan model popular among shopper with an eye for style ◆ Known issues related to accessories

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When the Nissan Murano hit the road late in 2002, it offered distinctive styling in what would quickly grow to become a crowded marketplace full of similar crossover SUV models. Designed in California and

The specs

- MODEL 2003 to 2007
 Nissan Murano
 VEHICLE TYPE Crossover
- APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE \$9,500 to \$25,000

riding the same platform as the Nissan Altima, Murano quickly became popular with shoppers with an eye for style.

All models got a 3.5 litre, 240-horsepower V6 engine and an available intelligent All Wheel Drive (AWD) system. A Continually Variable Transmission (CVT) was standard, and allowed the engine to operate more economically while enhancing smoothness and efficiency. This type of transmission has no gears to shift, and may feel 'funny' to some drivers until they get used to it.

Look for features like automatic climate control, a sunroof, heated power seats, Bose audio, a keyless ignition system, tinted windows and more. Navigation and a backup camera were available, too.

A full selection of safety



gear was also on board, including four-wheel antilock disc brakes and both side and side-curtain airbags.

What Owners Like

Styling, space, flexibility and on-board storage were rated most highly by owners of the Murano, followed by driving dynamics and ride quality.

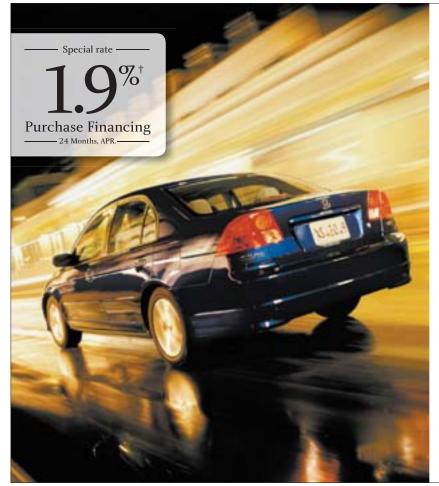
What Owners Hate

As it tends to go with crossover and SUV models, the most common owner-stated complaint deals with fuel mileage. Some owners wish for better fit and finish and a smoother ride on rough surfaces, too.

Common issues

Most of Murano's age-related issues seem to centre around smaller problems related to interior and exterior accessories.

Broken window motors, door handles and power seat motors have all been reported, so be sure to start your test-drive by thoroughly inspecting every electric and mechanical part of the vehicle's cabin



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T Aries March 21-April 20

Today's new moon will help focus your mind on a single objective and before you know it you will be the one who everyone looks up to.

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21

What seemed such a difficult problem yesterday will have the simplest of solutions today. The only thing that has actually changed is your perspective, but in a magical way that changes everything.

II Gemini May 22-June 21

Later this month the Sun will move into the most dynamic area of your chart and your confidence will soar. However. you must deal with a domestic issue that threatens to spiral out of control.

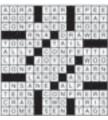
Gancer June 22-July 22 Not

only will today's new moon make you feel more alive but with Venus moving into your fellow Water sign of Scorpio vou'll be a real live wire when it comes to love and affection.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 The most important thing now - in fact the only thing you should be thinking about – is getting your financial house in some sort of order. The new moon will help you make the right choices

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The new moon in your sign makes this one of the best days of the year to launch new projects. Now is the time to do something about all those careful plans you've made.

➤ Yesterday's answer



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TODAY Min 4° Max 14°

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Today's horoscope

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← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know that your life needs to change but you can't seem to make the final effort. Maybe you're not quite yet ready to give it your best shot.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Venus, planet of emotional and material values, moves into your sign for an extended stay today, and that's good news all round. Love and luck will be closely linked over the

next few weeks.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Have you got a new project lined up? Is it the kind of project that could make you rich and famous? If you have, now is the time to get

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The new moon in Virgo will do wonders for your confidence and encourage you to make far-reaching changes to your lifestyle. If you get the urge to travel don't fight it.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You don't need to fear the future. You don't need to fear anything. Each and every human life unfolds according to a pre-ordained cosmic plan.

⊢ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

This is one of the best days of the year for partnerships of all kinds, but especially for affairs of the heart. Let your nearest and dearest know how much vou love them.

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